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## SUNDAY READING.

Joseph in Prison.

R. C. 1717. Lesson Gen. 38: 21-23

40:1-8.

The lesson last week closed with

Joseph as the slave of Potiphar. This

lesson opens with Joseph in prison

where he has been placed by his mas-

ter. Eleven years have intervened be-

tween the two events. He is twenty-

eight years old, "a goodly person, well

favored." Joseph was celebrated for

beauty throughout the east. Persian

poets sing of his comeliness; while

Mohammed devotes the twelfth chap-

ter of the Koran to him, representing

him as a perfect beauty and the most

accomplished of mortals. He had at-

tained power and honor under his

master, and it was seen that the God of

Abraham was with him. His master's

wife becomes first his tempter, and

then when he will not defraud his mas-

ter nor sin against God to please her,

she turns, Satan like to be his accuser,

and for his virtue he is imprisoned.

But Joseph had early in life committed

his ways unto the Lord, who will now

direct and make prosperous his paths.

His faith in God sustains him, while

his integrity and wisdom are rewarded

with offices of trust, even in the king's

prison. Its entire management is in

his hands, and to him is given the

care of two state offenders. But this

young man of sterling virtue, this

trusted but suffering captive, is full of

tender sympathy for the unfortunate.

His eye discerns their sadness and his

heart moves with compassion toward

them. Able to help, he is as willing

as able. Youthful piety appears here

as the safeguard of virtue, the power

of a patient continuance in well doing,

and the source of that unselfish and

unmerited sympathy at once Godlike

and glorifying in human nature. The

glorious sun may be eclipsed to our

eyes by the opaque moon for a brief

time, and yet seem all the brighter

when it is past. So the innocent and

pure may be shadowed by slander for

a brief time, but if faithful in virtue

and trustful toward God, they shall

shine as the brightness of the firmam-

ent.

The Bible is the only standard of

doctrine. No schism can be truly

grounded in it. Let us cease from

ourselves and go to the fountain. In

this way only can we see eye to eye,

and save the church from hazardous

speculations and experiments. Discov-

eries above holiness are just as

dangerous, and inevitably false as dis-

coveries below it. Innovations which

claim to free humanity from its frail-

ties, its liabilities to error, and its ex-

posure to sin are as perilous to the

souls of men as those which would re-

## Two Souls With But a Single Thought.

The other day a young man went in-

to the Young Men's Library to look at

London Punch. On approaching the

table where the papers lay he noticed

that Punch was already in the hands

of an Englishman. He sat down to

wait for the British humorous period-

ical, and began to read the time with

an illustrated London News. Every now

and then he cast a glance across the

table at the Englishman, who showed

no sign of getting through with Punch.

The glance became a scowl, and the

foreigner replied with a frown as the

young party turned over leaf after leaf

of the illustrated. Men came in, read

papers and went out, but the person

still waited for the comic journal as he

scanned the pages of the serious one.

They scowled across the table at each

other silently. At last the young man

made up his mind that he would get

the sheet sooner by sending over to

London after it, and in disgust he flung

down the illustrated News and reached

for his hat. At the same moment the

Englishman threw Punch on the table

and reached for the illustrated, mutter-

ing, "Oh, he is read half the adver-

tisements." Two hearts that beat as

one.—[Free Press.

Hell-Fire Rock.

Miners are not in the habit of throw-

ing up good contracts for nothing now-

adays, but the Ada mine, in Salt Creek,

is idle at present and will be for some

time to come, unless some of our rocks

sharp give a solution to a geological

phenomenon which still puzzles the

miners of that section. In driving the

tunnel, which is now over one hundred

feet, strange formations were encoun-

tered. At every stroke of the picks the

tunnel was filled with luminous vapor

and the weird light made the blood

chill in the veins of the superstitious

miners. It is needless to say that the

contractors dropped their tools and

left, and the owners could not induce

them to resume their work. They call

the rock "hell-fire rock" and give the

tunnel a wide berth. Some of the rock

is being analyzed and we give the re-

sult as soon as ascertained. It is prob-

ably phosphorescent rock.—[Salt Lake

Tribune.

The Ingenious Druggist.

The druggist's apprentice during his

master's absence became again voluble

to the customer. Said the apprentice:

"half in soliloquy and half in narrative:

"The drug business is terrific. These

porous plasters. The old man has a

national reputation for them. He

makes em out of old sun bonnets, and

glues—cuts up the sun bonnets and

smears on the glue—and when you get

one of his plasters on your back it is

there for life. There's a man comes in

## Neighborhood News.

Macon County.

Apples are selling at 20 cents a

bushel at La Plata.

Wolves are reported in the north

ern part of the county.

Hay is selling in the neighborhood

of La Plata at \$7 per ton.

Judge B. G. Barrow has returned to

his home in Macon, from Colorado

prings, where he spent the summer

for his health, with but little benefit.

Scotland County.

Memphian juveniles are wrestling

with the mumps.

Memphis Reville: Elijah Matlock

brought to this office Saturday, a half

bushel of perhaps the largest, smooth-

est and best turnips raised in Scotland

county this season—several of them

weighing four pounds and over. He

raised forty bushels of the same sort.

On the same day Jack Fordney left

a small specimen of the kind of vege-

tables that grow in Sand Hill town-

ship—being a radish fully three feet

in length and thirty inches in circum-

ference.

Schuyler County.

Criterion, Oct. 28th: Our people

were startled and horrified on last Sat-

urday evening by the report that Capt.

Wm. Niblack, of Lancaster, had killed

a man at Coatsville during the pole

raising at that place. It proved too

true. The first intimation here was

arrival of Capt. Niblack, who was on

his way to give himself up to the sher-

iff. Constable Bradley took him in

charge and delivered him to Sheriff

Roberts, at Lancaster, about dark.

The particulars as given by eye wit-

nesses, are somewhat conflicting, but

the fact of the murder is related a out

the same. As the grand jury, now in

session, have the matter in hand, we

desire to say as little as possible, that

the case may not be prejudged. It is

sufficient to say that a brother of Capt.

Niblack and a Mr. Horn were fight-

ing, when the murdered man, a Mr.

Townsend, of Iowa, attempted to in-

terfere and came into collision with

his slayer. A few words and blows

were passed, when Niblack, who had

opened his knife, struck him across

the throat, completely severing the

jugular. Townsend died in forty min-

utes. Niblack mounted his horse be-

cause the excited crowd realized the ca-

strophe, and came to Glenwood for

surrender—otherwise he would doubt-

less have been lynched.

A full report will be given after the

grand jury have acted. At present

writing (Wednesday evening) witness-

es were still being examined. The

examining judge admitted him to bail

in the sum of \$5,000; but he has since

been committed to jail, pending the

action of the grand jury.

On Tuesday morning two sons of

W. H. Ross, real estate dealer of

Sedalia, were driving a spirited team

attached to a spring wagon. The

horses became frightened, dashed down

Ohio street, knocking over a buggy,

which was fortunately empty, and then

collided with a wagon owned by Mr.

Terre, demolishing both vehicles and

throwing the Ross boys out. One was

badly bruised, his left arm broken, and

internally injured. The other escaped

with slight injuries.

THE CORLISS ENGINE.—The great Cor-

liass engine, which was the centre of

attraction in the machinery hall at the

centennial exhibition, has been sold to

the Pullman palace car company of

Chicago, to furnish power for its new

shop.

RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICES.—The tem-

perance committee of the Philadelphia

Y. M. C. A. have presented to Francis

P. Murphy a handsome and well fur-

nished residence at No. 1630 North

Eighteenth street, as a recognition of

his services in the cause of temperance.

Scarlet fever has made its appear-

ance in Plattsburg, Mo. the type being

most malignant.

Joplin, Mo. has the monstrosity in

the shape of a man 25 years old with a

head weighing as much as his body.

A fire broke out in Trexel's music

store at Sedalia Friday morning and

destroyed \$20,000 worth of property.

Insured for \$3,500.

The K. C. Ft. S. & G. railroad is now

pushed as far as Lamar, Mo. A branch

line is also in operation between Pleas-

ant, Kansas, and Rich Hill.

H. E. Osgood was recently fined \$100

for practicing medicine in Gentry, Mo.,

without a diploma. His guilt

was only technical and the governor,

remitted his fine to \$25.

DESTROYING THE LANDMARKS.—Is

Philadelphia losing its veneration for

its honored founder? The old William

Penn mansion, the first building erect-

ed in that city, built by Penn in 1682,

and the house adjoining,